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FOR: **VACUUM ASSISTED SURGICAL STAPLER**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2008, please amend this application as follows:

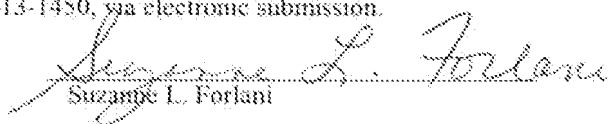
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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